

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
October 2, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	TC Clements, Trustee
Paul Pirrone, Supervisor	LaMar Frederick, Trustee
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk	Rick Steiner, Trustee
Paul Francis, Treasurer	Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Phil Goldsmith, Township Attorney

The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Township Board was called to order by Pirrone at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer led by Bob Tienvieri.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Pirrone added 8B – Discussion of a Contract with Mulch King and 8C – a Discussion to Waive BZA and Planning fees for the Blizzard Fest. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Frederick to approve the agenda with the two additional items. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Frederick, Francis, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Approval of the September 18, 2018 Township Board Minutes;

Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to approve the consent agenda as published. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Clements, Francis, Frederick, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

STAFF REPORTS

Tim Csurgo, Deputy Drain Commissioner and Pat McGow, Bond Counsel from Miller Canfield explained that the next three items are part of Phase 2 of financing the improvements to the Sewage Disposal System. The financing will be the same as Phase 1 with the Bonds being sold through the State Revolving Fund Program and will qualify for the federally-subsidized interest rate of 2% for an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000.00.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION REQUESTING COUNTY ASSISTANCE ON THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM – Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the Preliminary Resolution which declares the Township’s intent to move forward with Phase 2 of the Sewage Disposal System Project and requests that the County Drain Commissioner issue bonds to the finance the Project, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Tienvieri, Frederick, Steiner, Clements, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ACT 342 CONTRACT BETWEEN MONROE COUNTY, THE MONROE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSION AND BEDFORD – Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the Act 342 Contract between Monroe County, the Monroe County Drain Commission and Bedford Township for the financing of the bonds to be issued in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000.00 as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Tienvieri, Clements, Steiner, Frederick, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION WHICH APPROVES THE ACT 342 CONTRACT AND THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE – Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the Resolution which both approves the Contract and directs the

Township Clerk to publish a Notice of the Contract. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Tienvieri, Frederick, Steiner, Clements, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A ROAD CLOSURE AT DEAN ROAD BETWEEN MONROE ROAD AND FREEMAN STREET AND FREEMAN STREET BETWEEN DEAN ROAD AND SUMMERFIELD ROAD – Hershberger explained this is for Fire Station #2 and is the same request that was granted by the Board last year. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Clements to approve the Resolution for the road closure of both Dean Road and Freeman Street on October 13, 2018 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for Fire Prevention Day. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Clements, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO HIRE MICHAEL KONIECZNY AS A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE OF THE BEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE SAFER GRANT – Chief Massingill explained that this would complete the hiring for the SAFER grant and that Konieczny served as a Lieutenant on the Bedford Fire Department in the past. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to accept the recommendation of Chief Massingill to hire Michael Konieczny at \$48,500.00 annual base wage plus benefits afforded to full-time employees. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Clements, Frederick, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR WOLVERINE STATE CONCRETE, LLC TO INSTALL THE NEW SERVICE DOORS AT FIRE STATION #2 – Chief Massingill stated that at the last meeting the Board approved the purchase of these doors and this bid is to install them. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Clements to accept the bid from Wolverine State Concrete, LLC, Dundee, Michigan for the installation of the new doors to the Fire Station. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Clements, Frederick, Steiner, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: None.

REQUEST FOR DIRECTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF AN APPENDIX TO THE POLICY MANUAL FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT – Massingill explained that this Appendix is needed due to the SAFER grant hires. Lengthy discussion followed as to whether to send this Appendix to Nantz, the Township Labor Attorney for review and the cost associated with it. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Clements to submit Appendix A of the Fire Department's Policy Manual to the Township Attorneys, Lennard, Graham and Goldsmith, for a cursory review and for it to come back to the Board at their next meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Clements, Steiner, Frederick, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: None.

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR POSSIBLE ISSUANCE OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE – After reviewing the Township Ordinance, John Bates of Shaken Not Stirred withdrew his request. Korleen Bialeci, Attorney representing Jeff, LLC urged the Board to grant their request as Feruze Elmazi's application was complete and the applicant is fully qualified. Tienvieri stressed the importance of the Board following the Ordinance language. Discussion followed as to setting a time frame for the completion of renovations, realizing that extensions may be given. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Hershberger to approve the request from Jeff, LLC for a Class C Liquor License at 7495 Secor Road, with the understanding that their business would be open for business within 18 months. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Hershberger, Clements, Frederick, Steiner, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: None. Clements asked that

this Ordinance be brought back to the Board to work on some language issues sometime between December 2018 and February 2019.

REQUEST TO MOVE THE DECISION FOR A NEW STAFFING MODEL FOR THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT TO A FUTURE BOARD MEETING – Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Steiner to table this issue until the next board meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Clements, Frederick, Francis & Hershberger. Nays: None. Absent: None.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES- Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$48,111.02, Fire District-\$14,288.32, Police Fund-\$115.34, Park Fund-\$8,083.05, Transit System Fund-\$17,200.18, Library Operating Fund-\$5,920.22, Water Revenue Fund-\$6,500.00, Lewiston Estate SAD-\$632.50, Downtown Development Authority-\$1,420.00, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$5,147.80, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$7,356.05 for a total of \$114,774.48. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: None.

DISCUSSION OF A CONTRACT WITH MULCH KING – Pirrone brought a contract to the Board to consider between the Township and Mulch King since Mulch King now plans to charge Bedford residents to drop off their yard waste. Lengthy discussion followed as to different options and the terms of the contract. It was noted that the Township worked hard to expedite the passing of a Compose Ordinance and facilitate the quick opening of his business in good faith of his offering his services free to Bedford residents. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Francis to accept the opportunity to use the Mulch King facility on Smith Road for citizens of Bedford to deposit their permitted yard waste for the remainder of 2018 at a Township cost not to exceed \$5,000.00, provided Counsel prepares a contract for review. After further discussion, the Motion was rescinded by Frederick and Francis. A new Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to contact the owner of Mulch King and explain that the Board is working on a contract and will have that contract reviewed at the next board meeting and will then provide it to him upon execution, and the Board is asking him in the interim to not charge the Bedford residents as he knows we are working on a favorable contract, and that Goldsmith expedite drafting a contract based on the issues discussed this evening. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Frederick, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: None.

DISCUSSION TO WAIVE THE BZA AND PLANNING FEES FOR THE BLIZZARD FEST – Pirrone is asking the Board to waive the Planning and Zoning fees for the Blizzard Fest. After discussion the Board asked that the applicant present the request to the board at their next meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ken Gonyea, 8311 Lambert Street – spoke to the Mulch King issue.

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – recognized the accomplishments of Mike Pasko and Officer Tony Cuevas, thanked the Adopt-a-Road groups, and suggested residents turn on their outside lights to deter crime.

Judy Hall, 9283 Valetta – thanked the Board for focusing on the needs of the residents.

Robert Hall, 9283 Valetta – believes homeowners need a place to dispose of yard waste without burning.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – commended the Halls for sharing their opinions, mentioned the Board needs to discuss Sen. Bill 637 before any member speaks on behalf of the Township and she would like this on the next Agenda, had a question regarding the transfer of membership interest by Arnold Jennings in A.J. Doolittle’s, and congratulated Pirrone on being appointed to the Regional Review Committee for SEMCOG.

Steiner – welcomed the Halls to Bedford, sent his condolences to the Pasko family, and thanked the men and women of our emergency services for their good work.

Clements – yielded his time.

Frederick – gave alternative options for composting, mentioned the benefits of Pirrone being on the Regional Review Committee, and stated that Mulch King should not be surprised about having to move their entrance, as it was part of their site plan and is required to be done by the Road Commission.

Francis – mentioned the real issue with mulching is to reduce burning which affects people’s health.

Hershberger – mentioned the Absentee ballots went out today and any resident who needs one should contact her office, a Halloween Resolution was signed years ago declaring trick-or-treating on October 31st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. every year, answered Tienvieri’s questions mentioning that George Welling will be coming to the next meeting to speak on Sen. Bill 637 and that Doolittle’s Liquor License was just a transfer and will not be coming to the Board, reminded Board members to email her any questions/comments they have on the Personnel Manual, and also extended her condolences to the Pasko family.

Pirrone – mentioned that the Mulch King issue was just dumped in his lap and that he was under the assumption that it was going to be free for Bedford residents, Congratulated Massingill for being named Firefighter of the Year by the Kiwanis Club, spoke to the microsurface done on Lewis Avenue, thanked Steiner for his working with the Assessing Department on their staffing model, mentioned the mold situation from the Temperance Fire Station has been sent to the upper management of our insurance company, the Gordie Howe Bridge project is set to start, and he has been appointed to the Regional Review Committee of SEMCOG.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary